

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of the claims in view of the remarks set forth below. Claims 1-6, 9-17, 19, and 21-29 remain in the application. Claims 1, 6, 17, and 19 have been amended. Claims 2-5, 9-16, and 21-29 remain unchanged. Claims 30-33 are new.

Allowable Subject Matter

The examiner has indicated that claim 7 is objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Amended claim 1 contains the limitations of claim 7 in accordance with the examiner's remarks. Therefore it is respectfully proposed that claim 1 now stands in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Dependent claims 2-6, 9-16, and 29, being dependent on and further limiting amended independent claim 1, should be allowable for that reason, as well as for the additional recitations that they contain. Claim 6 has been amended only for clarity and consistency with amended claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully proposed that claims 2-6, 9-16, and 29 now stand in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The examiner has indicated that claim 20 is objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Amended claim 17 contains the limitations of claim 20 in accordance with the examiner's remarks. Therefore it is respectfully proposed that claim 17 now stands in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Dependent claims 19 and 21-28, being dependent on and further limiting independent claim 17, should be allowable for that reason, as well as for the additional recitations that they contain. Claim 19 has been amended only for clarity and consistency with amended claim 17. Therefore, it is respectfully proposed that claims 19 and 21-28 now stand in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

New Claims

Claims 30 and 31 have been added as independent claims. Claims 30 and 31 contain limitations similar to those found in amended claims 1 and 17 respectively. Support for these claims is found on page 2 lines 24-25 of the application.

Claim 32 has been added as an independent claim. Claim 32 contains limitations similar to those found in claim 6 in combination with claim 1. Support for this claim is found in Fig. 5 and on page 8 line 1 of the application. No new matter has been added. Claim 32 recites, *intra alia*, "A method for equalizing burn-in in a display unit . . . comprising the steps of . . . identifying active display elements and non-active display elements . . . monitoring an aging of the active display elements . . . and displaying a corrective image on the identified non-active display elements for a time period manually scheduled by the user." As noted from the examiner's comments, neither Hicks nor Takase show a system that displays a corrective image that allows a user to program a time. In the Office Action dated November 22, 2005, "OFFICIAL NOTICE" was taken regarding a system which allows a user to program a time (predetermined) which is set by the user, thus giving the user full control/functionality of the viewing system. The applicants are, however, not convinced that this aspect is well known with respect to the operation of equalizing burn-in and requests the examiner provide additional evidence to this effect.

Further, although user inputs regarding operation of a display unit may generally be known, a system that allows a user to schedule the time that the display unit displays a pattern for burn-in is not. The invention relies not on the user input as a single action, but rather the result of this input producing a specific action to display a corrective image for a time period. Therefore, it is respectfully proposed that claim 32 stands in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Claim 33 has been added as a dependent claim to claim 32. Support for this claim can be found in Fig. 5 and on page 9 lines 4-6 of the application. No new matter has been added. Claim 33, being dependant on a further limiting independent claim 32, should be allowable for that reason, as well as for additional recitations that they contain. Therefore, it is respectfully proposed that claim 33 stands in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

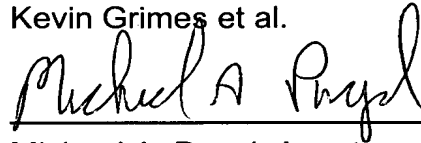
Conclusion

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' agent at (317) 587-4027, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No additional fee is believed due in regard to the present amendment. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,

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